THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The intention of NCR Board is rather to promote the growth of the existing 8 priority towns and counter-magnet towns, among others, by developing new townships along side them in an integrated manner. Accordingly, the new townships would have to be developed within the timeframe envisaged for accommodating the enhanced population targets assigned for the respective priority towns to other towns in the NCR Plan i.e. by 2001 A.D.

1938. [Transferred to 10th December, 1992.]

Delhi Rent Control Act

1939. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have considered the amendments proposed to be made in the Delhi Rent Control Act on the basis of Model Rent Control Law already presented before Parliament;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposed amendments;

(c) by when a suitable legislation is likely to be brought before Parliament; and

(d) what are the names of States which have so far made or proposed to make amendments in their Rent Control Acts on the basis of Model Rent Control Law ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a)to (c) The Government is considering amendments to Delhi Rent Control Act on the basis of the Model Rent Control Act, but the details of the amendment are to be analised before brining the legislation before Parliament.

(d) Government have not received any confirmation from the State Governments regarding amendments to the relevant State Rent Control Acts on the line of Model Rent Control Legislation till date.

Enquiry Committee report on Fire in Vigyan Bhavan

1940. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the report of the enquiry instituted to find out the causes of the fire in Vigyan Bhawan has since been received;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of its findings; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) be in negative, what are the causes of delay ?

THE MINITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The report of the high-powered Committee set up by the Administrator Delhi to enquire into the fire in Vigyan Bhawan has since been received.

(b) The Delhi Administration has accepted electricity as the cause of fire in Vigyan Bhawan. The Committee was of the opinion that Delhi Fire Service was quite prompt in response to the fire and was effective in tackling the situation. The shortcomings and deficiencies have been identified and remedial action on the recommendations of the Committee have already been initiated.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

दिल्ली में अवैध रूप से बसी झुग्गी-झोंपड़ियां

1941. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) दिल्ली में अवैध रूप से बसी झुग्गी झोंपड़ियों की संख्या कितनी है और उनमें अनुमानतः कितने लोग रह रहे हैं; और

(ख) इन अवैध झुग्गी-झोंपड़ियों को हटाने/ध्वंस करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?